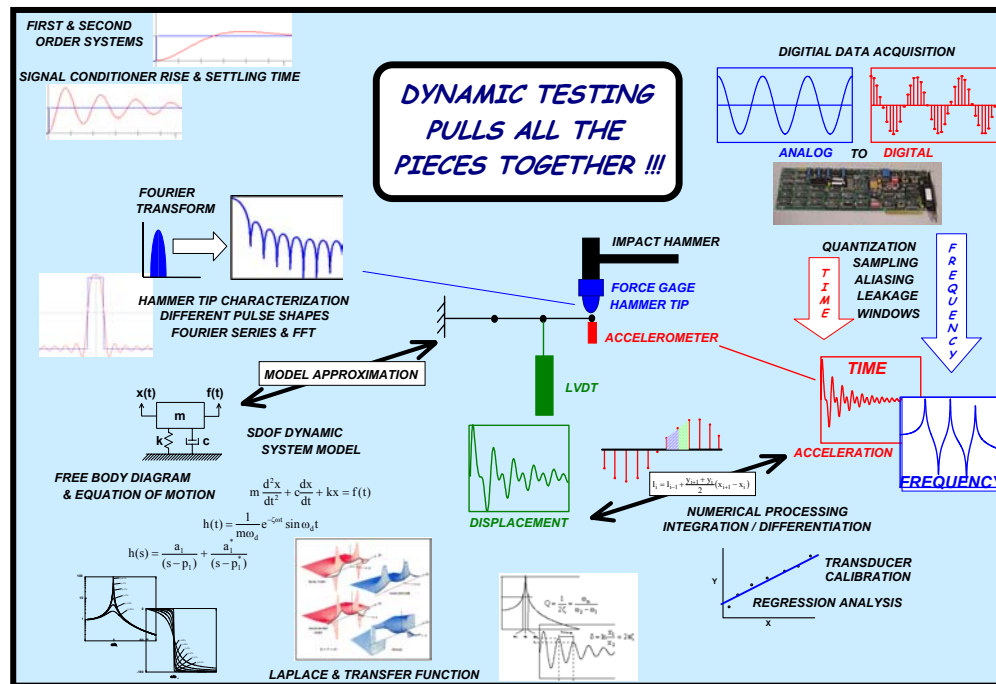




AN INTEGRATED UNDERGRADUATE DYNAMIC SYSTEMS TEACHING METHODOLOGY UTILIZING ANALYTICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL APPROACHES



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The Problem

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Students generally do not understand how basic STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) material fits into all of their engineering courses

Relationship of basic material to subsequent courses is unclear to the student.

Practical relevance of the material is not clear.

Students hit the "reset button" after each course not realizing the importance of STEM material

Reset





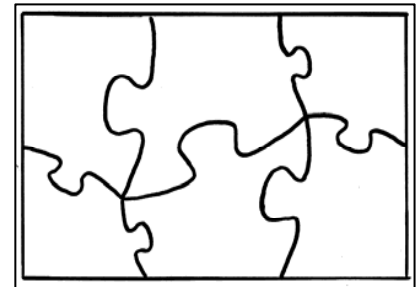
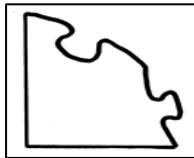
The Problem

Student Comment:

Professor, why didn't you tell us that the material covered in other courses was going to be really important for the work we need to do in this Dynamic Systems course ?

Professor Thoughts:

Hmmmmmm...



Student views material in a disjointed fashion

Professor clearly sees how pieces fit together





How to Solve the Problem

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A new multise semester interwoven dynamic systems project has been initiated

This is to better integrate the material from differential equations, mathematical methods, laboratory measurements and dynamic systems

This is done across several semesters/courses to help students better understand the relationship of basic STEM material to an ongoing problem





Some Key Components of This Work

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Analytical Modeling Tools/GUIs

Website and Online Acquisition System

Projects

Integration/Differentiation w/contaminants

Fourier Series using LabVIEW

Design of a Dynamic Measurement System

1st and 2nd Order System Characterization

(many additional smaller projects - see paper)





Webpage --- dynamics.uml.edu

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Project Overview

Technical Papers

Tutorials

Online Acquisition

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NSF Dynamic Systems

Multi-Semester Interwoven Project for Teaching Basic Core STEM Material Critical for Solving Dynamic Systems Problems

Tutorials

Tutorials exist on several different topics which are grouped as:

- [Simulink Materials](#)
- [First Order Systems](#)
- [Second Order Systems](#)
- [Fourier Series](#)
- [Regression Analysis](#)
- [Virtual Measurements](#)
- [Integration and Differentiation](#)
- [Miscellaneous](#)

Each tutorial has material that consists of a PDF file with an explanation of the theory and/or specific steps of the tutorial. Some tutorials are stand-alone while others have additional files that contain a MATLAB, Simulink or Labview module that provides a graphical user interface (GUI) to complement the tutorial material; in many cases, a voice annotated multimedia overview to complement the tutorial is included.

Home | Overview | Papers | Tutorials | Acquisition | Downloads | Acknowledgements | People

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Tutorials cover a wide assortment of integrated material - both paper tutorials with Matlab and Labview modules with voice annotated multimedia overviews





Complete Imagemap of all materials available

	RUBE 1	RUBE 2
Overview	P	P
Pre-Recorded Data	R	R
Assignment	F	F
Online Acquisition	R	R

LEGEND	P	PDF File (Requires Acrobat Reader)	VI	LabVIEW VI File (Requires LabVIEW 7.1)
	6	MATLAB p File (Requires MATLAB 6.5)	VR	LabVIEW EXE File (Includes Runtime Engine)
	7	MATLAB p File (Requires MATLAB 7.0)	F	Voice Annotated Flash (Requires Flash Plugin)
	MR	MATLAB EXE (With Runtime Engine)	A	Voice Annotated AVI (NOT Streamed - Large)
	R	RUBE related material		





Analytical Modeling Tools/GUIs

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Theoretical Aspects of First and Second Order Systems

First Order Systems

- *Modeling Step Response with ODE and Block Diagram*

Second Order Systems

- *Step, Impulse, Initial Condition with ODE and Block Diagrams*

Mathematical Modeling Considerations

- *Fourier Series, Integration/Differentiation, Regression Analysis*

Miscellaneous Materials

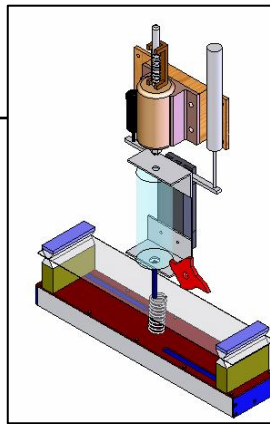
- *Simulink and MATLAB Primer Materials*
- *LabVIEW Tutorial Materials*
- *Virtual Measurement Modeling Simulations*
- *Integration/Differentiation Considerations with Contamination*





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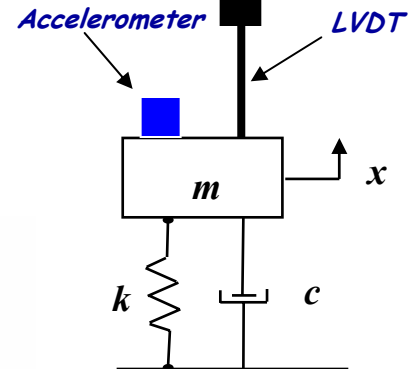


Online Measurement System

RUBE

*Response Under
Basic Excitation*

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Measurement Devices

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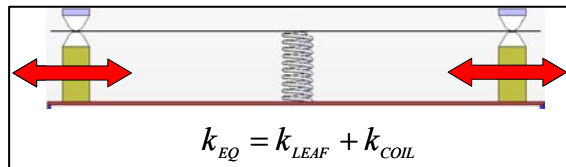


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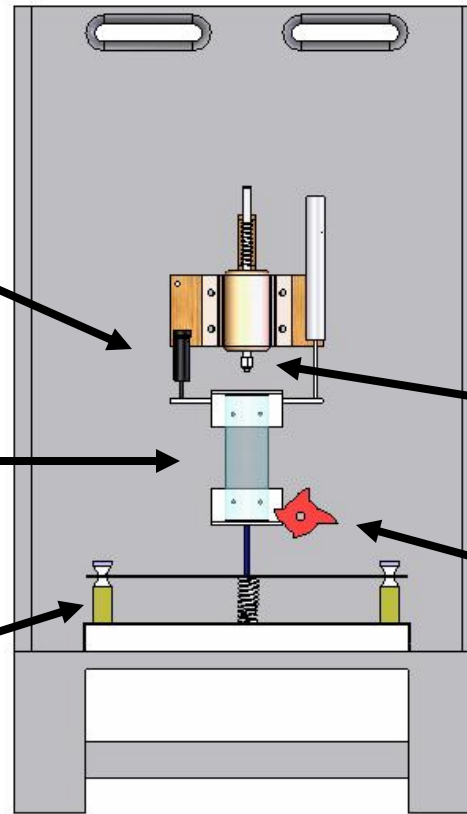


*System
Characteristics*

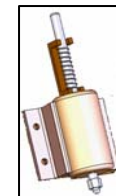
Variable Stiffness



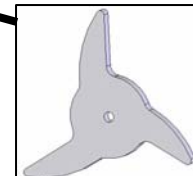
$$k_{EQ} = k_{LEAF} + k_{COIL}$$



Excitation



Impact Force



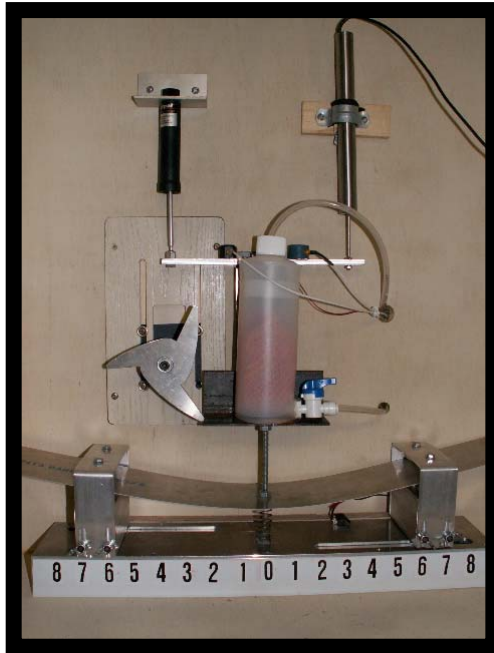
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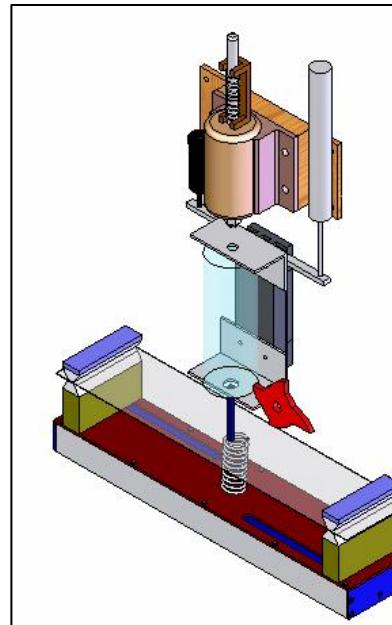


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RUBE I



RUBE
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RUBE II

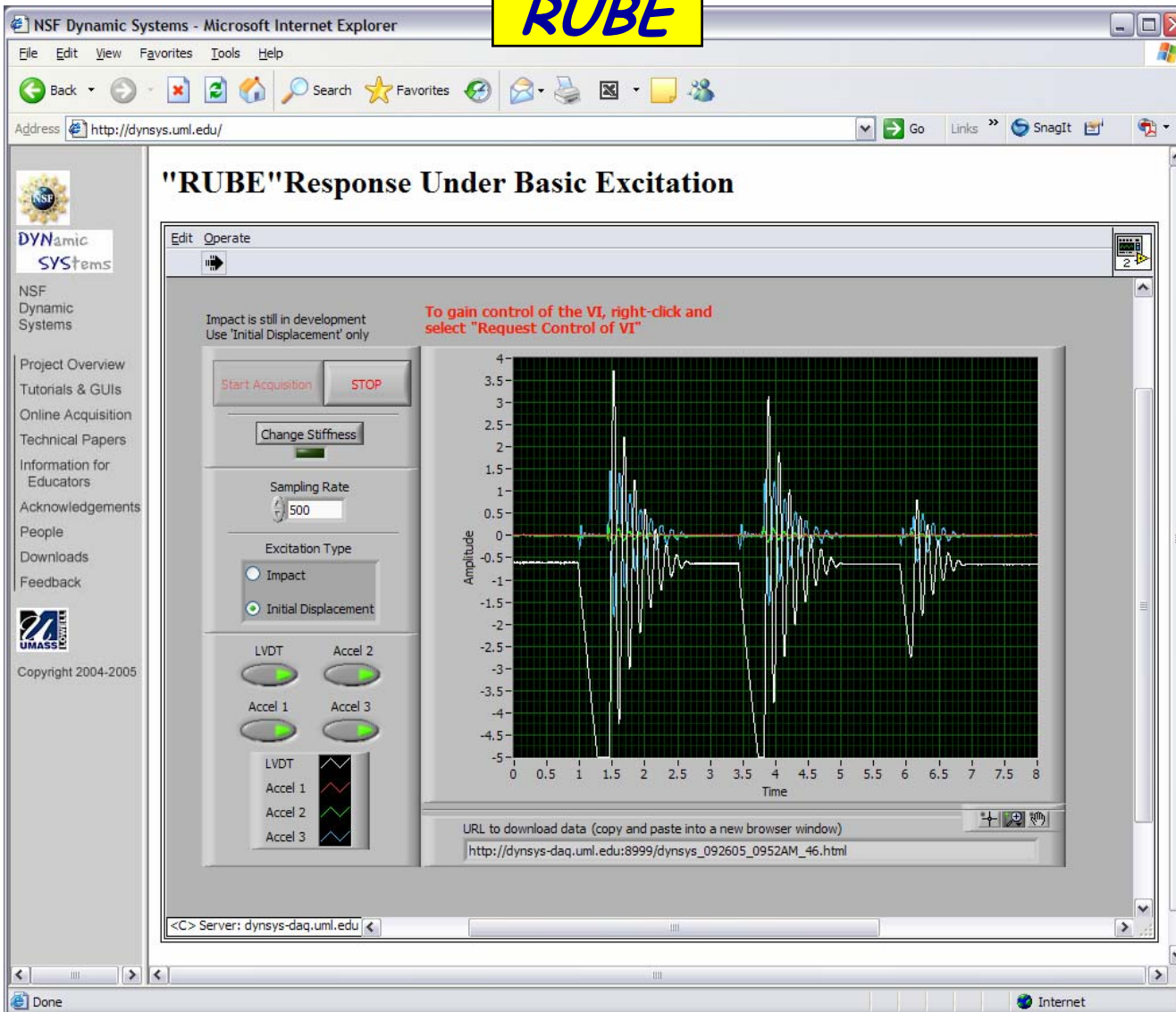




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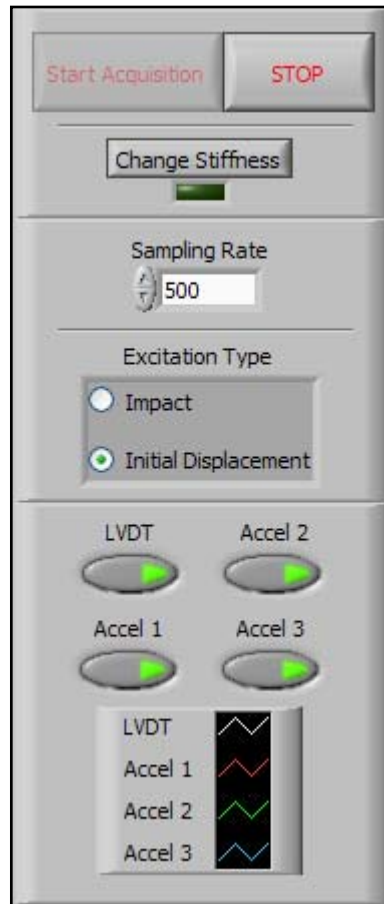
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System can be remotely run

Stiffness is changed for each run

Sampling rate can be set

Impact is available

Initial displacements - three inputs

LVDT and accelerometers can be turned on and off as desired

Data saved and captured to browser

URL to download data (copy and paste into a new browser window)
http://dynsys-daq.uml.edu:8999/dynsys_092605_0952AM_46.html

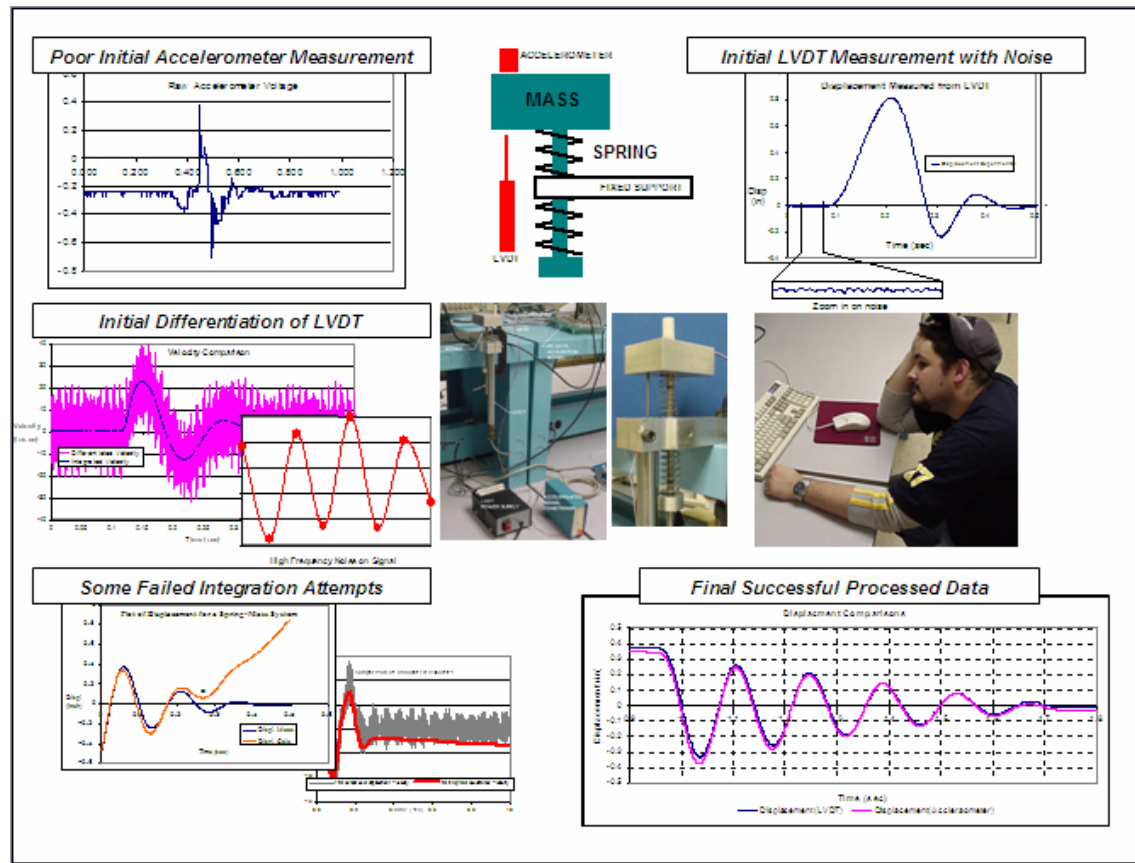




Contaminants Cause Difficulty

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Students learn with problems that make them think

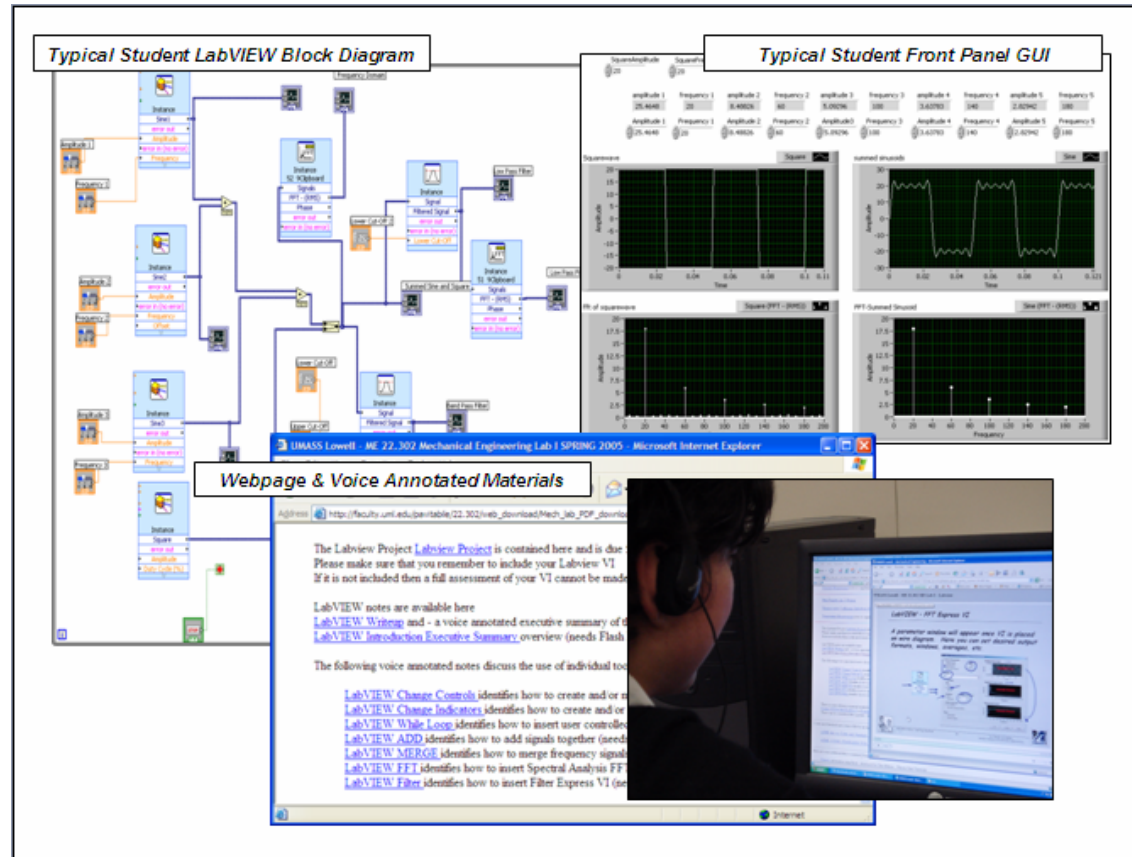




Learn by Doing (not Listening)

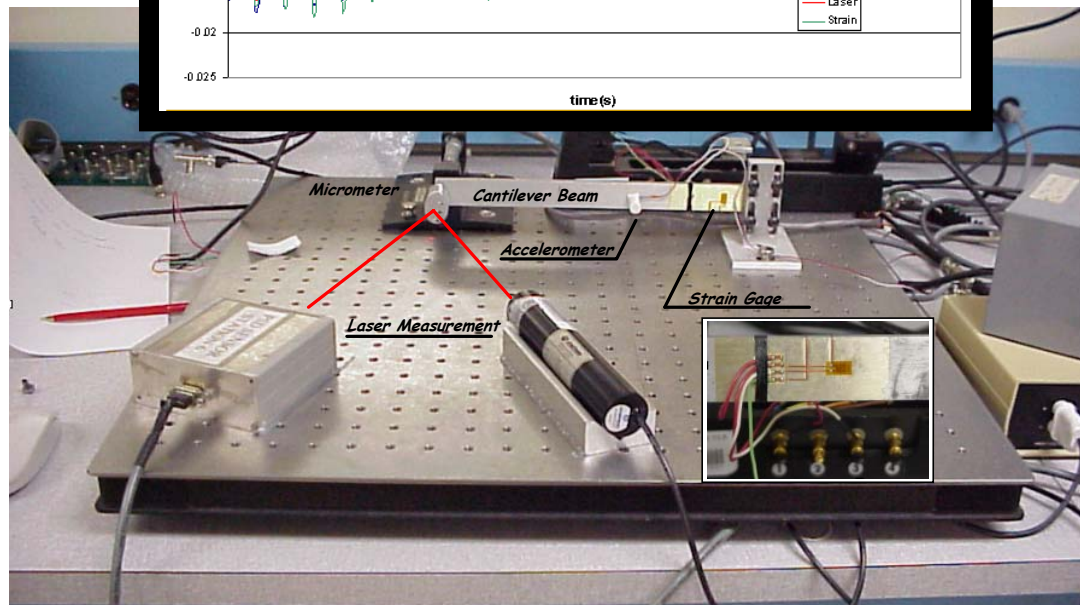
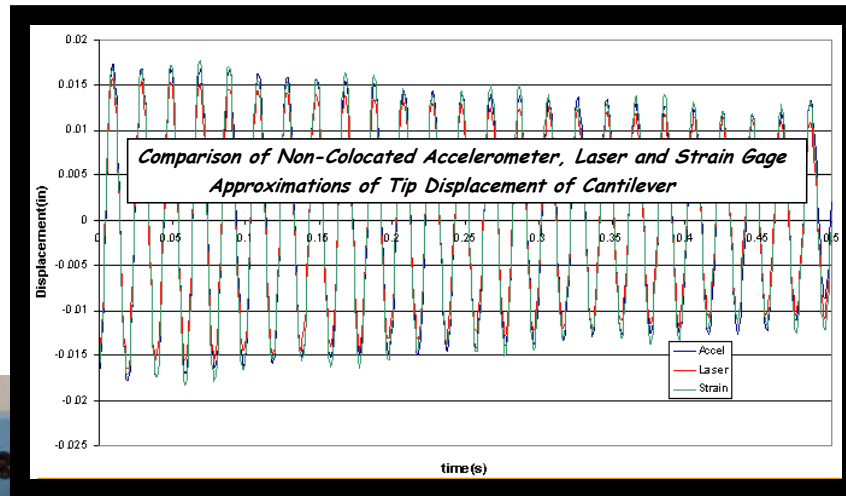
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Fourier series come to life with LabVIEW





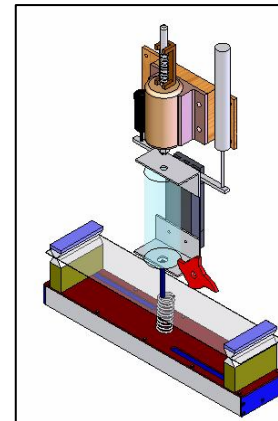
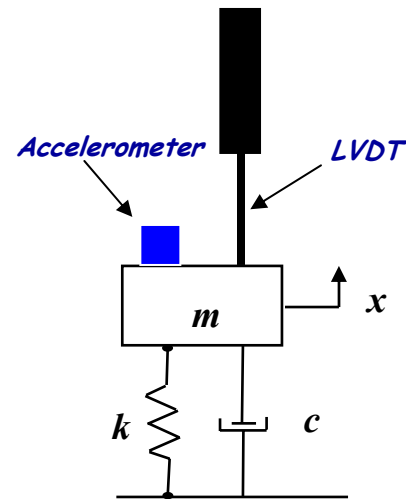
Integration of all material to design system





Projects integrated in with Lecture Material

- Analytical project to force understanding of ODE and Laplace along with MATLAB/Simulink
- RUBE used to strengthen understanding through system identification on less than perfect measurements
- Filtering data through 1st order RC filter in Simulink





Brief Summarizing Statements

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Only a brief smattering of material presented here

The 30 page paper has much more material.

*The website has a significant amount of material
(tutorials, exercises, GUIs, etc)
along with the online measurement system*



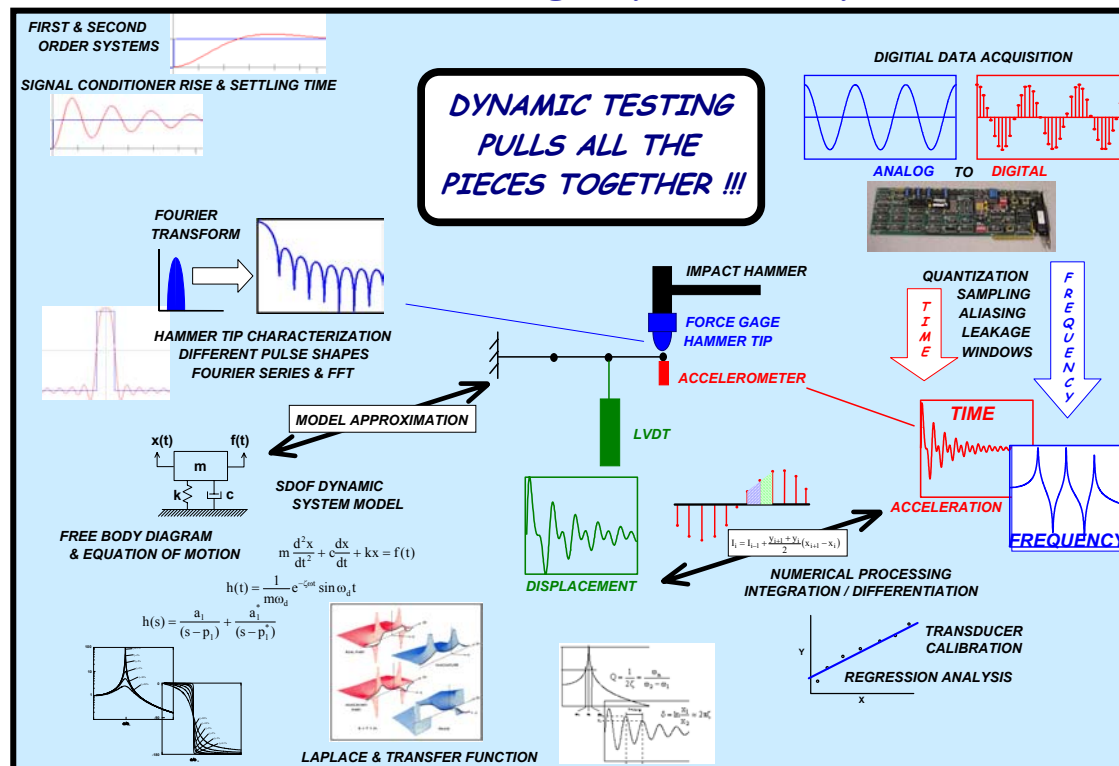


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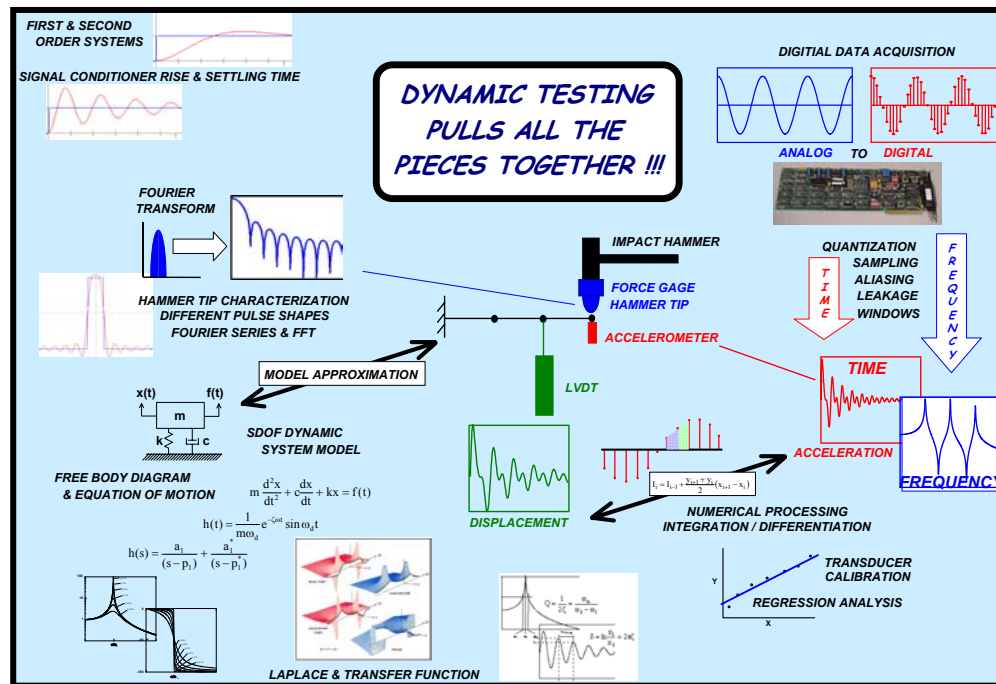
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